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**SUBMISSION ACCOMPANYING**  
**A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Decision on Appeal dated April 18, 2008, please reconsider this application in view of the following.